

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph [0033] of page 10 (continuing to page 11) of the Disclosure currently on file with the following paragraph:

Figures 6A to 6D are schematic diagrams showing shapes of a tip (i.e., a portion where probes are to be contacted) of a pin 5 according to the invention. Figure 6A shows a pin 5a with a concave tip. A pin 5b shown in Figure 6B has a concave tip with a cross-shaped groove, and the groove has a width and a depth shorter than the head end width. The concave shape of the tip of the pin allows the probe solution to be carried by surface tension by simply dipping the pin in the solution. The depth of the concave is optional. The amount of the DNA carried with the pin 5a or 5b with the concave tip is about 10 times or more the amount carried with a conventional pin with a flat tip. A pin 5c shown in Figure 6C has a flat tip with a cross-shaped groove, and the groove has a width and a depth shorter than the head end width. The amount of the DNA carried with this pin 5c is also higher than that carried with the conventional flat tip. The pin 5d shown in Figure 6D has four pointed tops with spaces between two adjacent tops to provide two V-shape notches crossing at right angles at its cylindrical head end. A bottom of each notch passes through the central point of the pin head. With this pin, a greater amount of a probe solution can be picked up and spotting accuracy may be enhanced. This pin also allows easy transferring of the probe solution from the tip of the pin onto a plate.